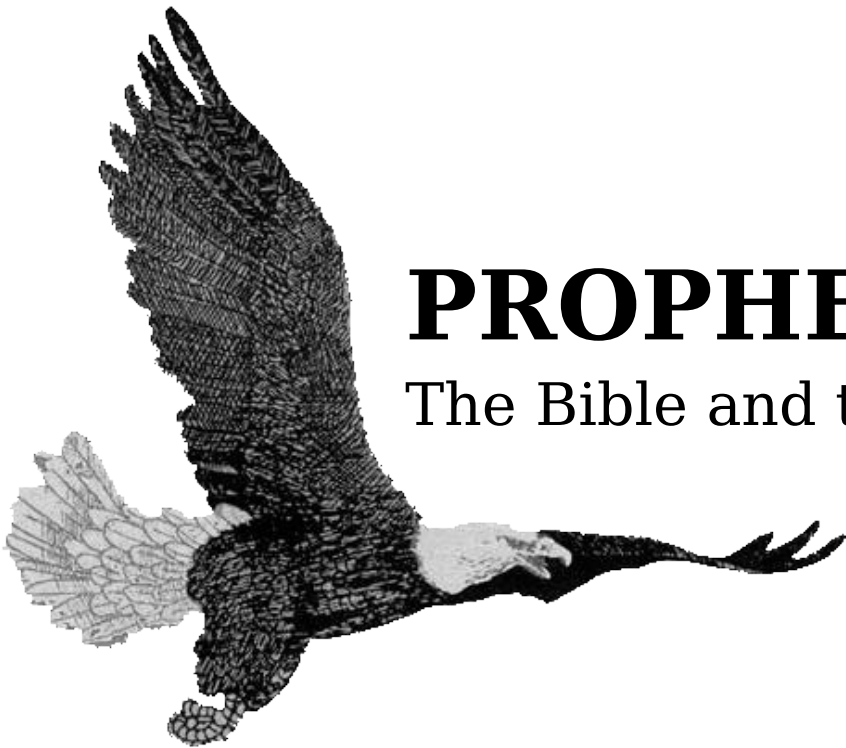


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TEXTBOOK



PROPHECY

The Bible and the Future

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Introduction to Prophecy

Matthew 1:22—*Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,*

I. The Bible is Prophetic -

Two-thirds of the scripture are prophetic, either in type, symbol, or direct statement.

Unlike all other religious books it bases its “authenticity, authority, and inspiration” on prophecy.

II. The Meaning of Prophecy -

1. Prophecy is history written in advance.

Dan. 2:45

History is - His Story.

2. Prophecy is two-fold.

(1) Descriptive

(2) Predictive

The prophets were both “forth-tellers” and “fore-tellers”.

They had both “insight” and “foresight”.

3. Prophecy is divine utterance.

(1) It is not reasoned discourse.

(2) It is not inspired preaching.

(3) It is the utterance of the Spirit.

II Peter 1:21

III. The Study of Prophecy -

Reasons we study prophecy -

1. That we be not ignorant of God’s plan.

If we do not know we will not make preparation.

II Peter 3:3-8

2. That we can understand the future.

The Bible is filled with signs of the times.

I Thess. 5:1-6 II Tim. 3:13 II Thess. 2:3

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Dan. 12:4;10 II Peter 1:19

3. That we be not led into error.

It is possible for believers to be led astray.

Matt. 24:24 Rev. 3:18-22

II Tim. 3:13 "Deceiving and being deceived."

IV. The Proof of Prophecy -

1. It must be beyond all human attempts or foresight.
Beyond one's knowledge of a situation.
2. It must have been made known prior to its fulfillment.
3. It must have a clear and detailed fulfillment.
There are some true prophets. Eph. 4:11

V. The Object of Prophecy -

There are classes - I Cor. 10:32

1. Jews -
2. Gentiles -
3. Church -

Study Questions 1

1. What type of a book is the Bible?
2. How much of the Bible is prophetic?
3. In what way is the Bible prophetic?
4. What does the Bible base its authenticity, authority and inspiration on?
5. What is prophecy?
6. What is meant by prophecy being two-fold?
7. Is prophecy reasoned discourse?
8. Give verbatim II Peter 1:21.
9. Why do we study prophecy?
10. What is the proof of prophecy?
11. To whom is prophecy written?
12. Give verbatim I Cor. 10:32.

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VI. The Prophetic Aspect of the Ages -

The first recorded age is prophetic of every other age.

1. Age of progress and civilization

- (1) Cities were built Gen. 4:16-17
- (2) Agriculture flourished Gen. 4:20
- (3) Instruments invented Gen. 4:21 - music
- (4) Discoveries and inventions Gen. 4:22

2. Age of separation

Two classes of people -

- (1) Cainites - the worldly
- (2) Sethites - the Godly

collapse Age grew progressively worse, tremendous moral

Religious corruption set in

3. Age of grace

Noah found grace in the sight of God.

- (1) Coming judgment announced
The warning was an act of grace

- (2) The Ark for a refuge
For salvation and safety

- (3) The Deluge
Not to contaminate the rest
All this is prophetic of this age Matt. 24:37

- (4) The Translation
Enoch is a type of the translated saints. Heb. 11:5
Jude 14,15

- (5) The Rapture
Methuselah is a type of the Church II Thes. 2:7

- (6) The Revelation
Noah is a type of the saints that pass through the
Tribulation Rev. 12:17

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4. Age of judgment

- (1) The judgment of man
The results of man's own wickedness
Disease - sickness - murder

- (2) The judgment of God Gen. 7:11-24

Noah's prophecy - Gen. 9:25-27
Brief sketch of the history of nations.

Curse pronounced upon Ham.

Blessing upon Japheth and Shem.

Gen. 10:6 - Four sons of Ham
Cush, Mairaim, Phut and Canaan

Curse pronounced upon Canaan

Ham, the father of Cush, grandfather to Nimrod who became the founder of Babylon.

Ham, father of Mizraim the progenitor of Egypt.

Ham, father of Canaan from who sprang the Canaanites.

Eventually both Egypt and Canaan succumbed to the descendants of Japheth (the Greeks and Romans)
(The Gentiles)

Shem from whom comes the Jews.

Japheth means extended or enlarged - "Let God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem and Canaan be his servant."

Thru Shem, Japheth is to receive and share the promised blessing.

John 4:22 Eph. 2:12

Text for the Course - I Cor. 10:32 - Memorize the verse.

Divine analysis of the human race:

I. Jews II. Gentiles III. Church

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Study Questions 2

1. What is the first recorded age prophetic of?
2. Name the different ages.
3. What happened under the First Age?
4. Who were the two classes of people under the Age of Separation?
5. What was the warning of judgment an act of?
6. What was the Ark a type of?
7. What is Enoch a type of?
8. What is Methuselah a type of?
9. What is Noah a type of?
10. What does Jared mean?
11. What does Enoch mean?
12. What does Methuselah mean?

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10. What does Methuselah mean?

The Future

I. Human Attempts to Know the Future

Attempts to know the future are found in all peoples. It is a natural desire in the heart of man to know the future. Astrology attempts to interpret the motion of heavenly bodies as signs of the future and astrologers are sometimes called stargazers. Astrology should not be confused with Astronomy which is based on scientific facts. (*The Lord, Himself, will give a sign...* Isa. 7:14)

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Divination | 3. Sorcerers | 5. Necromancers |
| 2. Witchcraft | 4. Enchanters | 6. Spiritism |

II. Origin of This Desire

1. Natural or native feeling that there is a future.
2. We are more than creatures of time.
3. Man is an endless being.
4. Man has a soul, the very breath of the Almighty and that part can never die.

“God has set the world in their heart” Ecc. 3:11 “owlam”
Eternity in our hearts, i.e. consciousness of eternal being.

III. The Future Is God’s Secret

In the Bible it is forbidden to practice man-made attempts to pry into the future. (Ex. 22:18 Lev. 19:31 Lev. 20:6, 20:27 Deut. 18:10,11) In the N.T. witchcraft is classified with murder, fornication, idolatry, etc. (Gal. 5:20; Rev. 21:8)

1. God alone knows the end from the beginning.
2. God reveals the future to any He pleases.
(1) Joseph - Gen. 41:1-32 (2) Daniel - Dan. 2:20

IV. Can Man Know The Future?

1. Yes, through the Bible, but never apart from it.
2. Yes, through the Holy Spirit - dreams, visions, revelation.

V. Is Prophecy Confined To Certain Books In The Bible?

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1. Prophecy is not confined to certain Bible books classified as prophetic.
2. Gen. 3:15 - First prophecy

Study Questions 3

1. What is the natural desire in the hearts of men?
2. Where do we find human attempts to know the future?
3. What is astrology?
4. What is astronomy?
5. Tell something about each of the following:
 - Divination -
 - Witchcraft -
 - Sorcerers -
 - Necromancers -
 - Spiritism -
6. Is man simply a creature of time?
7. What is man?
8. What is the origin of man's soul?
9. What is the future known as?
10. Can man know the future?
11. Is prophecy confined to certain books in the Bible?
12. What is the first recorded prophecy in the Bible?

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The Jews & Prophecy

I. Call of Abram - Gen. 12:1 Joshua 24:2 Acts 7:2

Revelations is a progressive way, that is, not everything was revealed at one time.

Promises given to Abram were unconditional. Gen. 12:3,4

History answers to the fulfillment of the promise.

- Promises were expanded in Gen. 12:7 "unto thy seed will I give this land."
- Promises were Enlarged in Gen. 13:14-18
- Promises were Completed in Gen. 15:18

Genesis 15:12-14 gives 6 future facts:

1. His seed to be strangers in a strange land.
2. That they were to serve.
3. Affliction for 400 years.
4. The oppressive nation God will judge.
5. They were to come out of the land with great substance.
6. Abram's seed would return to their own land in the fourth generation. All fulfilled.

VI. Jacob's prophecy - Gen. 49

Background - vs 1 Jacob speaks as a prophet.

1. **Simeon, Reuben, Levi** -Evil, defilement, treachery vs. 3-7 Israel as a nation before Christ. Israel as seen in the Old Testament.

2. **Judah** -vs. 8-12. vs. 9 Judah means praise and is represented by a lion. vs. 10 Shiloh is a name for Christ. Rev. 5:5 This prophecy concerns Israel at the time of Christ. Israel during the Gospels.

3. **Zebulum and Issachar** -Zebulum - haven of the sea vs. 13 Refers to commerce. Issachar - a strong but burdened ass vs. 14. Picture of the Jews in the present age. Merchants but enslaved by business. Israel rejected after Christ as today.

4. **Dan** -vs. 17,18. Judge and serpent. When Jews restored to Palestine in unbelief. A picture of the Jews during The Tribulation.

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5. **Gad, Asher, Naphtali** - vs. 19-21. Godly remnant.
Faithful victorious remnant.

6. **Joseph and Benjamin** -vs. 22-27. The Millennial Age.
Here we see Israel's past, present and future.

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VII. Song of Moses - Deut. 32:1-42

1. Jehovah's Praises - Rock vs. 104
2. Jehovah's dealings with Israel - vs. 5-7
Stiff necked and disobedient on Israel's part.
God's dealings with them.
3. Israel's calling and God's doings - vs. 8-14
4. Apostasy - vs. 15-18
5. God's dealings with Israel on account of their unbelief and apostate - vs. 19-33
His anger against them. Sound without and terror within. Jer. 30:11
6. Day of their calamity - vs. 34-42
Jacob's trouble - Jer. 30:7
Day of trouble - Matt. 24:21
7. The great finale -vs. 43

VIII. Prophecies of Judgment and Dispersion -

Literally fulfilled. Deut. 31:16,17
Lev. 26-Dispersion - judgment upon the nations
Lev. 26:33-Became a byword - Deut. 28:37
Note verses 54-57 - all fulfilled in 70 AD.

Note verse 68 Josephus says that after 70 AD many went to Egypt to work in the mines. They became slaves - so many he says "No man shall buy you." World-wide dispersion - vs. 64-67

Jonah in the belly of the fish but not digested -type of Israel in all nations of the world but not absorbed by them. Lev. 26:44 Jer. 22:7-9.

Fulfillment of these Scriptures since Israel rejected their Messiah. Luke 23:28-31 Luke 21:24

Fires of persecution have burned fiercely in almost every century. Middle Ages - "Black Death" over 25 million perished. Spain, France, England, Germany, Russia, etc.

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Jews are the miracle of history. They never pass away. Moses at burning bush - it was not consumed. Type of Israel - amid fires of persecution, yet are never annihilated. The Jews are the greatest witnesses that the Bible is the supernatural revelation of God.

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IX. The Great Tribulation -

Still future-before the promised blessings the Jews will pass through horrible times.

- Moses predicted the day of "Their calamity". Deut. 32:35-42
- Foretold by Jeremiah - 30:4-7 Day of Jacob's trouble
- Daniel also - 12:1 "time of trouble"
- Foretold by Jesus also - Matt. 24:21 "the great tribulation" is yet to come.
- It will affect all nations. It will be world-wide.

Why does God allow it? On account of their apostasy.

God has promised Palestine to the Jews. Palestine is the Land of Promise They are to be brought back and restored. Whole-hearted return to the Lord - Joel 2:23 Zionism is a nationally attempted restoration of Israel. It is a restoration in unbelief. God has something better. The temple and its worship restored.

The Two Classes -.Rom. 9:6 Rom. 3:28,29

Seed of Abraham has always been divided into 2 classes:

- Isaac -Promise
- Ishmael—Flesh

In the O.T. the Israelites who turned away from Jehovah and worshipped idols, God judged.

A remnant always believed (faith and hope). Ezekiel 9:4 Godly remnant Mal. 3. Hope of the orthodox believing Jews has never died. During the tribulation this godly remnant will accept the Christ and suffer for Him.

Jew's prediction - Matt. 24:14 The abomination of desolation in Israel's land during the Tribulation.

They bear witness to Christ and His soon coming to judge. "All Israel shall be saved" does not include the idolatrous, God-blaspheming part of the nation."

Ezek. 20:30; 13:8,9; 12:9-13:1

X. Israel's Future Restoration -

The curses and threatenings, the dispersion and the sufferings mean literal Israel and have been literally fulfilled. The predictions of the future blessing and glory have not been transferred to the church but will be fulfilled in Israel. Read Deut. 30:1-9. Outstanding facts in the above passage:

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1. The future dispersion is assumed. Not the Babylonian captivity of 70 years nor the captivity of the 10 tribes. The dispersion of Matt. 21:24
2. If they return unto the Lord and obey, He will have compassion upon them.
3. He will return.
4. They will be re-gathered.
5. They will be restored to their land and possess it.
6. National rebirth.
7. He will deal with their enemies.
8. The Lord will abundantly bless them.

These 8 facts are the basic facts of Israel's future.

Blessing and glory.
Key to all is His return.

Hosea 5:15 ← All this refers to His Second Coming.

Acts 3:19-21

Note - "the restitution of all things"
"all the prophets have spoken"

Acts 15:14-18

Note the new fact - The Gentile world is to receive the Gospel witness before Israel's hope can be realized.

Calling of the church - when completed, He will return.

Isa. 10:20-24; 11:1-4

XI. Results of His Coming -

1. Change in the animal world.
2. Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.
3. The Son of David will stand for an ensign.
4. The Gentiles shall seek Him.
5. His rest will be glorious.
6. Israel will be re-gathered and restored.

Matt. 24:29,30 - "the elect" refers to the Jews

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Jer. 23:5,6 - Luke 1:32

Ezekiel 27 - valley of dry bones
7:22,27

Joel 2:18

Past Privileges of the Jews
From the call of Abram to the Crucifixion - actually from Failure
of Adam to Destruction of Jerusalem - virtually.

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Study Questions 4

1. Through whom does the Jewish nation descend in relationship to Noah's sons?
2. Give a word that describes how revelation comes.
3. Where is Jacob's prophecy found?
4. Where is the expansion of this prophecy given by Moses?
5. Explain how Jonah was a type of Israel.
6. Explain how the burning bush was a type of Israel.
7. What is the greatest witness that the Bible is the supernatural revelation of God?
8. Why will God allow the Great Tribulation?
9. To whom did God promise the land of Palestine?
10. Explain what Zionism is.
11. Into how many classes of people has the seed of Abraham been divided?
12. Is there any hope of Israel's restoration?

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13. What is the key to their blessing and glory?
14. What are the results of His coming? (Name at least 4)
15. What does the valley of dry bones speak of?

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Ch. 1 - The Book of Daniel

I. The Message and the Man

Dan. 1:1-3; 2:46-49; 5:11,12; 5:29-6:3; 8:27-9:4

1. The Truth of It

Porphry, a Syrian, in the third century -Not written by Daniel B.C. 533 - it was a forgery written in the time of the Maccabees about B.C. 168. After Antiochus Epiphanes. It was written before B.C. 175-165 (if not) How did it get into the Septuagint, Greek Trans; completed B.C. 285, or over 100 years before it is claimed to be written.

Josephus says - of Alexander the Great, who is foretold in Dan. 8:5-8 came to Jerusalem B.C. 332, Jaddua the High Priest showed him the reference to himself.

Ezekiel was a contemporary of Daniel - Eze. 14:14,20; 28:3.
Jesus - Matt 24:15

Ashpenaz - Dan. 1:3 (Rabsaris) has been found upon a brick preserved in the British Museum.

2. The Theme of It

What is it all about? The Universal Sovereignty of God, "God is still on the throne." 2:28; 4:25 Notice 1:2; 2:37; 5:18

3. The Time of It

At the beginning of Babylonian conquest. This is how the book opens. "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim King of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it." Dan. 1:1

Jeremiah 25:1 places this captivity in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, Daniel in the third. Is this an error? Is the Bible wrong? The Jews, counted every bit of a year as one year. Jeremiah is writing to the Jews. Daniel is writing more for the Gentiles. (9th month of the next year.) Also - The Babylonian conquest was in three stages. The servitude - the captivity - the destruction.

This is at the servitude stage - (3 years 9 months)
Nebuchadnezzar demanded submission - Judah lost their independence - Nebuchadnezzar returned to Babylon with choicest treasures. Daniel was taken - at about sixteen years old.

The history of Daniel covers about seventy five years.

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4. The Aim of It -What does it set out to do? (They are in captivity.)

(1) To encourage the people of God to the sovereignty of God,
to see the purpose of God, and to put their faith in God.

(2) To give them prophetic truth -
Speaks much of the future, end-time, Second coming.

(3) It is a missionary account -
To give a missionary vision.

5. The Form of It - What form does this book take?

Divided into two equal parts -

First six chapters history -

Second six chapters prophecy -

Ch. 1-6 Daniel revealing God's secrets to kings

Ch. 7-12 Angels revealing God's secrets to Daniel

What is history and what is prophecy? What is the difference between them? History is the record of events - present and past. Prophecy is history written in advance.

How did these men write prophetically? II Peter 1:21

Why is the Book of Daniel different from the other prophetic books?

God is not speaking to His own people. You don't find "Thus saith the Lord." You don't find "My people" Isaiah - Hosea (Lo-Ammi - not my People.) In the closing chapters God says repeatedly "Thy people" "Jehovah" hardly ever occurs in Daniel - Only in Ch. 9 - Daniel is grieving for his own people. "Jehovah" is the covenant name for God. Not appropriate for Gentile world powers. The most usual name for God is "Adonai-Elohim" The Sovereign Lord God.

Part of this book is written in Hebrew, Ch. 1-2:3 - 8-12. Part in Aramaic - the ancient language of Syria, Ch. 2:4 - end of Ch. 7 Why do you suppose it is written in two languages? What concerns the Gentile Empires is written in their language, Aramaic, and what concerns the Jews is written in Hebrew.

6. The name of it -

(1) The book is like a diary of Daniel

"I Daniel" - No definite proof who wrote it.

7:15;8:15,27;10:2, 7

- Isa. 1:1 Written by Isaiah
- Jer. 1:1 Written by Jeremiah

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- Eze. 1:3 Written by Ezekiel

(2) Believed to be written by Daniel when in Captivity

606 BC carried into the land of Babylon between 16-20 years old. Daniel was a great man. Became a great statesman of Babylon. Considered as Prime Minister.

(3) It is all about Daniel

How did Daniel get promoted so quickly? "Daniel purposed in his heart" 1:8

- (a) Not to defile himself
- (b) Not to disobey God
- (c) Not to disappoint his people

God exalted him because of his obedience. Daniel is referred to as the revelation of Jesus Christ in the O.T.

XII. The Development of Daniel

Dan. 1:1-21

1. The Background -

(1) His birth - Vs. 3
"Of the kings seed"

(2) His upbringing -Vs. 4
Moffatt "Intelligent in all branches of knowledge,
adept
in learning, accomplished scholars."

(3) Enduring hardship -Vs. 1,2

(4) Education in Babylon -Vs. 4 (last part)

(5) Names and changes of names -Vs. 7
Daniel - God is my judge
Hananiah - Jehovah is gracious
Mishael - Who is like God
Azariah - Jehovah is my helper
Belteshazzar - Bell (god of Babylon) protector his life
Shadrach - Command of Aku (Moon god)
Meshach - Who is like Aku
Abednego - Servant of Nego -

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The purpose - trying to destroy their faith and teach them in the gods of Babylon.

2. The Outline of Chapter 1 -

The Siege - Vs. 1,2
The Captivity - Vs. 3,4
The Temptation - Vs. 5-7
The Proposition - Vs. 8-14
The Results - Vs. 13-21

3. The Test -

(1) The resolution Vs. 8

Two reasons why he did not want to eat the kings' meat.

(a) Offered to idols
Lev. Ex.

(b) Not eat meat with blood
Babylon did

(2) The request
Vs. 8-13

(a) An impossible request
Vs. 10

(b) Tries another avenue
Vs. 11-14

(3) The results
Vs. 15-20

(a) In the face - character comes out in the face

"Godliness promotes temperance and temperance health and health, a good complexion."

(b) In the head -
Vs. 17 "God gave them" margin "God made"
Vs. 20 "Ten times better"

4. The Endurance -

Vs. 21 "Daniel continued"
"Godliness is great gain"

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He outlived the Empire that took him.

(1) The influence of Babylon
The land - The gods - The worship

(2) The teaching of Babylon
Vs. 4

(3) The customs of Babylon
Wine - meat - Kings' threat - Kings' honor 2:48

Ch. 2 - Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-30

(There are three divisions to this chapter: Nebuchadnezzar vs.1-13;
Daniel vs. 13-23; The Understanding of the Dream vs. 24-49)

I. Nebuchadnezzar – vs. 1-13

A. The King's Distress – vs. 1 “ in the second year of..Nebuchadnezzar”

Two explanations why this is only the 2nd year of
Nebuchadnezzar's reign:

1. He wasn't king when he took Jerusalem.
2. The schooling had not finished. Ch. 1-5

Why the king was distressed:

1. He was worrying about the future, vs. 29
2. He was troubled over dreams, vs. 1; Ch. 4:4,5

B. The King's Desire – vs. 2-4

1. He called the wisemen. -- vs. 2
2. The king told them his desire -- vs. 3 “To know the dream”
and interpretation.

C. The King's Dilemma – vs. 5

1. He couldn't remember the dream “the thing is gone from me”
vs. 5a
2. The wise men could not give an answer.

D. The King's Demand – vs. 5b-7

1. To know the Dream
2. To the Interpretation

E. The King's Disappointment – vs. 8-11

1. The king was aware of their tricks – vs. 8 (they were frauds)
2. He was disappointed in them.
3. He was disappointed in their answer. – vs. 9 (lying and
corrupt words)

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F. The King's Decree - vs. 12-13

1. It was angry. - vs. 12
2. It was complete. - vs. 12b "All wise men"
3. It was immediate. - vs. 13

II. Daniel - vs. 13-23

A. **Daniel's Predicament** - vs. 13 (They sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.)

Will history repeat itself? Will the politicians and the wise of this world have to call the men of God?

Daniel's situation is very severe. Satan could be in this. The storms of Galilee. Ungodly men are tools in the devil's hand.

II Thessalonians 3:1,2 Paul speaks of 'man's extremity is God's opportunity.' Remember Peter in prison. - Acts 12

B. **Daniel's Poise** - vs. 14-15 (Not panic but poise.)

Daniel was in imminent danger. Without doubt others panicked, but not Daniel. "Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom" [ASRV: *prudence & discretion*.]

Arioch was the captain or "chief of the executioners (slaughtermen)," "Why is the decree so hasty from the king?" Arioch answered and made it known.

C. **Daniel's Positivity** - vs. 16 (Goes boldly to the king)

"Then Daniel went in and desired of the king, that he would give him time." What optimism! Nebuchadnezzar in health and sleeping well was ferocious, but with nightmares, not sleeping well, on edge, touchy, whom the wise men had already engaged. And Daniel goes in. That is positivity; that is faith.

Also his positivity is seen—"And that he would shew the king the interpretation." Faith that anticipates the answer is really faith. The faith of Abraham, Elijah, etc.

D. **Daniel's Policy** - vs. 17-18 (What is Daniel going to do?)

What would religious leaders do today? Daniel and his friends went to prayer. What were the others doing while these were praying? Daniel's policy was prayer.

"The effectual fervent prayer" (James 5) "of a righteous man availeth much."

Also, there are four of them - "Two agree" Matthew 18:19

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E. **Daniel's Prize** - vs. 19 "the secret [was] revealed unto Daniel in a night vision."

Deliverance resembled the form of the distress. Distress came by a dream; deliverance came by a vision. A tree was the occasion of soul disease; a tree is the means of universal healing. People bitten by a serpent are poisoned; we are cured by looking to a 'serpent.' Sin brought death; death brought life.

Lot could not help Sodom because he was mixed in with them. Daniel was separated.

The revelation is given twice. First, by dream and second, by vision. Let everything be established by two or three. Matthew 18:16

F. **Daniel's Praise** - vs. 19-20 "Then Daniel blessed the God of Heaven."

Obtainment should be followed by acknowledgment. The one Samaritan out of ten lepers (Luke 17:15). Make us like Daniel.

III. The Understanding of the Dream - vs. 24-49

The King and Daniel together - vs. 24-47

The wisdom of the world comes to naught.

The humility of Daniel - vs. 30

"But as for me"

Look at the Dream in three ways—Detail, Design, Destiny.

A. **What the dream was in detail** - vs.31-35

There were two main features of it - 1) An Image and 2) A Stone.

1. **An Image** - vs. 31-33

As to the image, it was a man, characteristic Babylonian figure. The figure is in five distinct parts: head, breast and arms, belly and thighs, legs and finally the feet.

In vs. 31-33, the five parts are clearly defined with each part being a different type of substance.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. The Head | -Gold |
| b. The Breast and Arms | -Silver |
| c. The Belly and Thighs | -Brass (maybe copper) |
| d. The Legs | -Iron |
| e. The Feet | -Part Iron, Part Clay |

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The costliest and the heaviest substances are on top. A decrease in price and preciousness all the way down. There is deterioration from gold to silver, etc. A decrease in value and weight: Gold 19.3; Silver 10.5; Brass 8.5; Iron 7.6; Clay 1.9

The last brittle, top heavy, on an insecure foundation.

Look at it from another point. There is an increase in strength and in hardness of metals. Gold is soft, silver and brass are not so soft, and iron is very hard and breaks and crushes.

2. A Stone - vs. 34-35

The second thing was the stone. The image was suddenly and completely destroyed by the stone.

The stone is cut out without hands. This was an act of God alone. It comes from heaven.

It smites the image on the feet.

The image disintegrates. Vs. 35 (The costly gold and the strong iron.)

The stone then becomes a great mount and fills the whole earth.

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B. What the Dream was in Design – What is it all about?

1. Given by God to Nebuchadnezzar. Vs. 28
 2. It is concerning what shall be in the latter days. “In the end days” Nebuchadnezzar was worrying about the future. Vs. 29
 3. It is all about kingdoms. Vs. 39-42 It is a vision of rule and government on a world wide scale.
 4. The most important kingdom is the fifth. This is the one that the stone falls on.
 5. The last thing to notice is the last kingdom, God’s kingdom (vs. 44) that never shall be destroyed.

C. What the dream was in Destiny

Daniel says to Nebuchadnezzar, “And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee.” vs. 39

1. The procession of the empires: Babylon→Medo-Persia→Greece→Rome.
 2. Decrease in value—a change in government rule.
 - a. **Gold → Autocratic** (ruler-ship by one) 5:19
 - b. **Silver → Oligarchic** (Government of the few) 6:1
 - c. **Brass → Aristocratic** (Government by the nobility)

Militarily noble, that is, chief men of war and not of blood or birth.
 - d. **Iron → Imperialistic** (Militant and ruthless like Germany under Hitler.)

The two legs of the image: the Roman empire was split in two in 364 AD. This created the Eastern Empire with its capital at Constantinople and the Western Empire with its capital at Rome.

There has never been another world empire since the Roman empire and that is why all our civilization is based on Roman laws. Yet, the Anti-christ is not going to be a Roman Emperor.

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- e. **Iron and Clay → Imperialistic & Democratic**
(Government by the people)
- f. The **Stone → Theocratic (Ruler-ship by God)**

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Study Questions 5 – Daniel Chapters 1 & 2

- 1) Tell what you know about the truth of the book of Daniel.
- 2) Who was a contemporary of Daniel?
- 3) What is the book of Daniel all about?
- 4) What was the time of the book of Daniel?

How do we account for the fact that Jeremiah places this captivity in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, and Daniel in the third?

- 6) How old was Daniel when he was taken captive?
- 7) How long a period does the book cover?
- 8) What is the aim of the book?
- 9) Tell something of the form of the book.
- 10) What is history and what is prophecy? Explain.
- 11) How did these men write prophetically?
- 12) Why is the hook of Daniel different from the other prophetic books?

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13) What were the two languages used in Daniel and why are two languages used?

14) Who is the book all about?

15) What is the book likened to?

What does Daniel mean, what was his name changed to and what is its meaning?

17) What does Hananiah mean, what was his name changed to and what is its meaning?

18) What does Mishael mean, what was his name changed to and what is its meaning?

19) What does Azariah mean, what was his name changed to and what is its meaning?

20) What was the test Daniel and his friends were put to?

21) What were the results after the test?

22) What was the King's distress?

What was the King's desire?

24) What was the King's dilemma?

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- 25) What was the King's demand?
- 26) What was the King's disappointment?
- 27) What was the King's decree?
- 28) Would this have any effect on Daniel?
- 29) What was Daniel's reaction to it all?
- 30) What did Daniel do about it?
- 31) What was the dream Nebuchadnezzar had in detail?
- 32) What was the dream in design?

What was the dream in destiny?

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What was the dream Nebuchadnezzar had in detail?

Ch. 3 - Unbending and Unburned

Daniel 3:1-30

INTRODUCTION

We will deal with this third chapter in three ways:

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|------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| I. | A History of the Past | - As history in |
| | Nebuchadnezzar's day. | |
| II. | A Parable of the Present | - As a parable in our day. |
| III. | A Prophecy of the Future | - As prophecy in the time of |
| | the Anti-Christ | |

I. A History of the Past

Divided into four parts:

- Vs. 1-7 The First Decree of the King-
- Vs. 8-18 The Defiance of ;the Three -
- Vs. 19-27 The Deliverance of the Three -
- Vs. 28-30 The Second Decree of the King-

A. The First Decree of the King vs. 1-7

"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold." Why did he do this?

1. The Image he saw - himself -

Strange shape 90 - 100 ft. high 9 - 10 ft. wide. 20 to 23 years elapsed between chapter 2 and three.

The strange thing about the chapter no mention of Daniel. Daniel is away - on king's business- etc. The image may not have been made had Daniel been there. Daniel exercised a restraint upon the King. As Christians should on the world - and do II Thess.

Another reason why the king made the image -

2. The downfall of his kingdom had been fore told - vs. 39 of chapter 2.

a. Do you suppose he feared this and tried to strengthen his kingdom?

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b. Or was he lifted up in pride because his kingdom seemed so secure?

c. Do you think he thought he was especially favored with God and so this magnified his place? Nebuchadnezzar had come to admire God and the wisdom given to Daniel but he was not brought to repentance.

Is this true of today? Many who admire God and the Gospel and the Church never put trust in Christ as Savior .

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In this image is set forth the power and the glory of man.
The image bears the number of man- 60 by 6 cubits - The
number of man. Six instruments of music vs. 5

Whenever you see man exalting himself in his pride - it is always
“sixes.”

The Anti-Christ Rev. 13:18; Goliath - I Sam. 17:4-7 - II
Sam. 21:20

The Image was made of Gold- Some believe wood overlaid with
gold. Outwardly imperishable, inwardly inferior.

In the Plain of Dura ← All by itself .

The Day of dedication - Those that attended -When the band
played everyone was to worship.

3. The Defiance of the Decree. Vs. 8-18

This is a great story. It would be three out of about 300,000.
Can we stand alone? Why didn't these bow down? The second
commandment - Ex 20:4-5.

“Thou shalt not make an image and bow down to it.” If they
bowed down they would be deliberately disobeying the command of
their God. The Christian is to obey the law of the land until they have
to do something contrary to the word.

The king gives them another chance.

They might have misunderstood the command so suggests the
king.

Vs. 14. “Is it of set purpose or is it a mistake on your part? Vs.
16. “Not necessary to give you an answer.”

Vs. 17a The Principal of Faith - Knowledge

Vs. 17b The Persistence of Faith - Courage

Vs. 18 The Pledge of Faith - Dedication

Job said, “Though He slay me, yet I will trust Him.”

The King loses his temper. The old saying is - “When a man gets
full of fury he gets full of folly.”

The furnace heated seven times hotter. The king lost some of his
best men.

4. The Deliverance over the Decree. Vs. 19-27

(1) Their Faith - Revealed- they defied the decree.

(2) Their Faith Tried - They all fell down bound in the
furnace.

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What was it that brought deliverance?
-It wasn't the fire. - It wasn't themselves. - It wasn't any human being.
→It was Jesus!

(3) Their Faith Honored -

"Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the mist of the fire." vs. 26 "Upon whose bodies the fire had no power." vs.27

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B. The Second Decree of the King. Vs. 28-30

Vs. 28 The King's Confession.

Vs. 29 The King's Command.

Vs. 30 The King's Conduct.

1. The King's Confession

a. Recognition of God -

"Blessed be the God...who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants."

b. Recognition of Faith.

"That trusted in Him"

c. Recognition of real Religion

"Yielded their bodies" Not just their heart, mind, or Their Spirit.
Rom. 12:1

2. The King's Command - vs. 29

a. Concerns all people.

b. Concerns speech.

c. Concerns severe punishment.

3. The King's Conduct - vs. 30

a. There is no repentance-

b. He admires God.

c. He promotes the Three.

II. A Parable of the Present

What does this teach?

A. The doctrine of the totalitarian state. Vs.4 "The State is all"

1. Its needs are paramount

2. It's demands imperative

3. It's commands absolute (The individual is part of the state.)

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B. The state is to be worshiped.

They must bring religion into it. Man is a religious being - incorporate religion into the state - make it subordinate.

They command worship - "to you it is commanded."

1. **Found true in Germany -**

Taken from "The Times" of 29th July, 1936." "One cannot be a good German and at the same time deny God, but an avowal of faith in the eternal Germany is at the same time an avowal of faith in the eternal God. If we act as true Germans we act according to the laws of God. Whosoever serves Adolf Hitler, the Fuhrer, serves Germany, and whosoever serves Germany, serves God."

2. **Also true of Communism -**

Communism, at the beginning, set out to smash God. They would stamp out religion altogether. But they learned by their mistakes, and now instead of trying to destroy, they are trying to use it. Make it subservient to the State. Communists allow religion but keep it under their control.

3. **The Roman Catholic Church**

Simply totalitarian tyranny. ARE WE REALLY FREE?

III. Prophecy of the Future

A. The prophecy concerns the Anti-Christ -Rev. 13

B. Mussolini started to make an image, but he was hung by the heels and shot.

C. Anti-christ -Abomination

Dan. 3:28; Rom. 12.

1. His nature -Peaceful, beastly
2. His image -Speak and kill
3. His mark- Mark, name, number

Ch. 4 - The Conversion of the King

Daniel 4:1-37

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is a "Babylonian State Document." It is the personal testimony of King Nebuchadnezzar. It is divided as follows:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| I. The Introduction | IV. The Fulfillment |
| II. The Dream | V. The Recovery |
| III. The Interpretation | VI. The Conclusion |

I. The Introduction -vs. 1-3

It is a proclamation by the king.

- A. It is universal - vs. 1 (A world-wide testimony)
- B. It is beneficial - vs 1 ("Peace be multiplied unto you")
- C. It is voluntary - vs. 2 ("I thought it good")
- D. It is experiential - vs. 2 ("hath wrought toward me")
- E. It is enthusiastic - vs 3 ("How great are His signs")
- F. It is humble - vs 3 ("His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom")
- G. It is knowledgeable -vs. 3 ("His dominion is from generation to generation")

II. The Dream -vs. 4-18

"I, Nebuchadnezzar was at rest... and flourishing." Conditions of Security and luxury

A. Time of the Dream -vs. 4

- 1. This is a deceitful peace -God alone gives peace.
 - 2. To be without trouble is not safety -
 - 3. To be prosperous does not mean all is well.

B. Contents of the Dream -vs. 10-17

- 1. "A Tree"
 - 2. "The height...great"... "Reached unto heaven."
 - 3. "The Tree grew" - "Was strong" - Fruit...much"
 - 4. "A watcher...cried...Hew down the tree"
 - 5. "Leave the stump" - For seven years.
 - 6. "The intent...the living may know that the Most High Ruleth."

C. The Effect of the Dream -vs. 5

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1. "I saw a dream ,,-
 2. The effects -"Afraid" -"troubled"
 3. Wise Men Called- vs. 6-7
 4. "Daniel Came in " -vs. 8
 5. The King tells the Dream -vs 9-18

III. The Interpretation -vs. 19-27

A. The Dream troubled Daniel vs. 19.
"It is Thou, O' King" -vs. 20-21

B. The Dream was for the King's Enemies -vs 19b

C. The Dream was to Reveal God's Judgment -

1. Daniel tells of Heaven's interest in the matter. -vs. 23
2. And the Meaning of the dream -vs. 24-26

D. 4. The Dream Gives the Reason for Judgment.
"Thy sins."- vs. 27 A warning - An Occasion to Repent.

IV. The Fulfillment -vs. 28-33

A. The Truth of it.
"All this came upon the King Nebuchadnezzar" -vs 28

B. The Time of it.
"At the end of twelve months" -vs. 29

C. The Reason for it.
"Is not this great Babylon that I have built." -vs. 30

D. The Quickness of it.
"The same hour" -vs. 33

V. The Recovery -vs 34-36

A. Repentance
"At the end of the days I lifted up mine eyes" -vs 34

B. Revelation
"To Heaven"

- C. Restoration
1. "Mine understanding returned unto me." -vs 34
 2. "Mine honour and brightness returned unto me." -vs 36

VI. The Conclusion -vs 37

Nebuchadnezzar: Praise, Extol, Honor -**The King of Heaven** -Truth, ways, judgment.

- A. **Regeneration** - "I praise and extol and honour the King of Heaven."
- B. **Recognition** - "All whose works are truth."
- C. **Revival** - This is the King on the throne praising and honoring the Lord.

Study Questions 6

1. What was Nebuchadnezzar's decree concerning the image that he had made?
2. Why did he make the image?
3. What does this image set forth?
4. What number did this image bear?
5. What was the sign that was given for the people to worship?
6. How many different kinds of instruments were used?
7. Why did the three Hebrews defy the king's decree?
8. What is the principle of faith?
9. What is the persistence of faith?
10. What is the pledge of faith?
11. What happened to the king when the three Hebrews answered?
12. What was done to the furnace after their answer?
13. What happened to the men that cast the three Hebrews into the furnace?
14. Tell something about the fiery furnace deliverance?

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15. What was the king's confession?
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16. What was the king's command?
17. As a parable of the present what does this lesson teach?
18. As a prophecy of the future what does it teach?
19. Tell a little about the second dream that Nebuchadnezzar had?
20. Tell what the interpretation was about?
21. For how long was the judgment to last? -
22. Describe what happened to Nebuchadnezzar's heart and the condition of his body?
23. What was the reason for the judgment?
24. How long after the dream was interpreted did the judgment come?
- 25.** What two things brought about the king's restoration?

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Quiz 6

1. What was Nebuchadnezzar's decree concerning the image that he had made?
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BONUS: What two things brought about the king's restoration?

Ch. 5 - The Handwriting on the Wall

Daniel 5:1-31

The Outline:

- I. Historical Review
- II. Hysterical Revelry
- III. Humiliating Revelation

I. The Historical Review -

- A. The critics say there was none by the name Darius - Darias is a title.

Darius I, was King of Persia from 521 to 486? B.C.

- B. They say also that Belshazzar was not the son of Nebuchadnezzar.

There is no word for "grandfather" in Hebrew or Chaldaic..

About 20 to 30 years have passed between chapters 4 and 5. Nebuchadnezzar was followed by evil Merodach.

He was assassinated by his brother-in-law- Neriglissar. He reigned for 4 years and was killed in battle.

Labashi-marduk (Laborosoarchod) who was Neriglissar's son was clubbed to death after reigning for only a few months.

Nabonidus reigned less than a year and was taken in battle. His son was Belshazzar. Belshazzar is ruler- second ruler or in command. Jer. 27:6-7.

- C. About the city -

Most magnificent and luxurious. Built in a square -15 miles each way.

The wall surrounding the city - 87 feet thick, 350 feet high. Six chariots could ride abreast.

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Gates of brass -watch towers. 100 gates of bronze, or brass
25 on a side.

The city now surrounded by the Medes and Persians.

II. The Hysterical Revelry. vs. 1-7

1. The Feast vs. 1-4

Drank before his lords - (irregular feast)
Drank with the women -
Drank with the vessels from the house of God -
Using the vessels of the Lord to entertain their lusts.

What a Mixture - II Cor. 6:17-18; Isa. 52:11; Eph. 5:11; Jas.4:4; I John 2:15-17

Spring .of 1975 - Dallas County; strip tease in the name of religion.

2. The Fingers - vs.5

What are the fingers writing today -
This was the writing of God -
The pure Word of God

3. The Fear - vs. 6-7

Most people know when they are wrong.
The knees smote together -
The king cried aloud -"shrieked"

III. The Humiliating Revelation vs.8-31

1. The Wise Men Humiliated - vs.8-9

Could not give an answer. One thing in their favour they did not try to interpret what they did not understand. They still call the wise man of our day to read and interpret God's Word.

2. All Babylon Humiliated -

Daniel the Hebrew alone -vs. 10-29 He had the answer

3. The King Humiliated - (In Defeat) vs.30-31

"In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain."

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Ch. 6 - The Lion's Den

Daniel 6:1-28

I. The Action of The Crown - vs. 1-3

1. The New Government in Form -

Shows us a new regime. The head of gold is gone – breast and arms of silver take over. Nebuchadnezzar was an absolute monarch – vs. 1 Darius is different - a constitution monarchy

2. The New Government in Detail

120- princes over the kingdom - three presidents over the 120 - and over the three presidents - Daniel was preferred, vs. 3.

3. The New Government in Trouble, vs. 2.

Why the Cabinet was up in arms. "that the king should have no damage" vs. 3 the king finds the worth of Daniel.

II. Counteraction By The Cabinet vs.4-9.

1. To Remove Daniel - vs. 4 "they sought to find occasion against Daniel.

Error -mental deficiency fault- to be moral vs. 5 against his worship vs. 6-7 They hatched their plot. There was a conspiracy.

2. The Method Used To Remove Him, vs. 8-9

The decree signed : Where was Daniel?

III. The Reaction vs. 10-20

1. In Daniel - vs. 10.

No change in Daniel. Opened his windows - kneeled three times a day, and prayed. A capital crime. Why did he open his windows toward Jerusalem: I Kings 8:46.

2. In The Princes - Vs. 11-13.

Told the king.

3. In Darius - vs. 14-20

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"Sore displeased with himself" "Laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. " Commands Daniel to be cast into the den. A sleepless night of fasting.

IV. The Inaction of the Lions - vs. 21-22

- 1. God sent His angel, "El -aw" strength: mighty, Almighty**
- 2. Shut the Lions mouth.**
- 3. No hurt to him.**

V. The Reaction To the Deliverance - vs.23

- 1. The Reaction of the King, vs. 23.**

Exceeding glad -"Saggiy" From a root means "Laud Praise"
Commanded to take Daniel out .

- 2. The Reaction of Daniel, vs. 23.**

No change -"No manner of hurt " Physically, Spiritually,
Mentally The trial did not effect him. "He believed in his God "

VI. The Counteraction Against The Cabinet, vs. 24

1. Cast them into the den of lions - All of them with their children and wives.

- 2. The lions had the mastery over them-**

Brake all thier bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. Indicating that they were not old lazy lions.

VII. The Action of The Crown, Vs. 25-28.

A decree made vs. 25-27. "Command " " And Daniel prospered "
vs. 28

To Feal The Need: - Love and Serve: Destroy the Idols.

- 1. The Honour of God -"Steadfast"**

- (1.) He is supreme.
 - (2.) He is Immutable.
 - (3.) He is Omnipotent.
- "His Dominion" (Authority) "Living"

- 2. The Propsperity of Daniel -**

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To Advance - Break out - Be profitable
(1.) He Prospered -Materially.
(2.) He Prospered -Socially.
(3.) He Prospered -Spiritually.

Ch. 7 - End-Time World Powers in the Light of Prophecy

Daniel 7:1-14

Daniel's Dream -End Time World Powers

I. The Time of the Dream -vs. 1

The first year of Belshazzar -The last king of Babylon. The kingdom lasted about another two years. Chp. 8:1 "In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me."

17 years - (16 when taken captive + 1 year of schooling)

43 years - Nebuchadrezzar -

2 years -Evil -Merodach

4 years -Nergal-shar-ezer -

1 year - (few months) Labashi -Marduk

11 years -Nabunahid -

1 year -Belshazza

Daniel was about 80 years of age

II. The Content of the Dream -

The popular interpretation and what it has been interpreted to be.

1. "The Four Winds of the heavens strove upon the great sea. "

"Striving" - "to burst forth against"

"Great Sea" -Mediterranean Sea (Could well be people-nations)

Rev. 13: 17:15 Also vs. 17- Symbolic

2. "Four Great Beasts came up from the Sea."

(1.) The First like a lion -Nebuchadnezzar - Babylon

(2.) The Second like a Bear -Medo-Persia

(3.) The Third like a Leopard -Grecian

(4.) The Fourth , - Diverse from the rest - Roman Empire

II. Some Objections to this Interpretation -

- A. (vs. 2) The Four World-Wide Empires did not - arise in times of Storm - of tremendous commotion. The disturbances were long and they were gradual.

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- B. (vs. 16-17) The Angel says that these four kingdoms shall arise, but at this time Babylon was in decline and was within a short time of::dissolution.
- C. (vs. 4) This is Nebuchadnezzar in reverse. This is a beast which is made to stand upon its feet - like a man and is given a man's heart. Nebuchadnezzar was the reverse of this - he was a man that was given a beast's heart -and made to go on a11 fours - and eat grass like an ox.
- D. (vs. 5) "It raised itself upon one side" "It made for itself one dominion" Medo-Persia was two.
- E. (vs. 6) Alexander's kingdom arose as one kingdom; divided into four after his death.
- F. (vs. 7) Rome was not so different than all the others. The word "before" not in time -but in position waiting to be devoured by it. Babylon was gone - Medo-Persia was gone.
- G. (vs. 12) "As concerning the rest of the beasts they had their dominion taken away; yet their lives were prolonged. How can you fit this into history? Nebuchadnezzar reigned until he died. The Medo-Persian Empire came to an end at the death of their king. Alexander died before his kingdom came to an end.
- H. (Chp.8) Medo-Persia - A ram with two horns - Alexander called a he-goat, one horn- four came up. (vs. 20; vs. 21-22)

III. The Interpretation of the Dream

1. The First Beast -

(1.) **A Lion** -The symbol of Britian
Britian has been a lion. Eze. "The lions welps." 38:13

(2.) **The Eagle** -"had eagles wings."
The symbol of the United States.The British Lion flying on the wings of the American Eagle.

(3.) **The Wings** are Plucked Off
"Meral" to pull off -to make bald. America is in for Judgment.
Isn't this what is happening to America-

(4.) **"Lifted Up From the Earth "**

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Could be the European Common Market.

(5.) **"Made To Stand Upon The Feet As A Man"**

It does not become a man only stands on its feet like a man.

(6.) **"A Man's Heart was given to it."** Maybe-this is when she helps Israel.

2. The Second Beast -

(1.) A Bear -"Like to a bear" Symbol of Russia

(2.) "Raised up itself on one side" "One dominion "
What is Russia called - U.S.S.R.

(3.) "It Had Three Ribs in the Mouth of It" ("between the teeth of it.") Swallowing up other nations.
Ribs.

(4.) "Arise, devour much flesh. " Communism has devoured much flesh.

3. The Third Beast -

(1.) A Leopard -"Like a Leopard " Could mean a tiger -The National Symbol of some of the Far Eastern Powers. Could be China.

(2.) That Flies to Power supported by "Four wings of a bird. " Indicating a rapid take over.

(3.) "Had also four heads" A united thing -"And dominion was given to it."

4. The Fourth Beast -

(1.) "Dreadful and terrible"

(2.) "Strong exceedingly"

(3.) "Had great Iron teeth"

(4.) "Devoured and brake in pieces. "

(5.) "Stamped the residue with the feet of it."

(6.) "Diverse from all the beasts that were before it."

(7.) "Had ten horns."

(8.) "There came up among them another little horn."

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- (9.) "Before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots." This is not Rome but a revived Roman Empire under the European Common Market out of which shall come the Anti-christ.

Ch. 8 - Daniel's Second Vision

Daniel 8:1-27

I. The Vision -Two Parts

1. The First Part vs. 3-4

(1.) "A Ram -which had two horns"

The two horns were high one higher than the other. The higher came up last.

(2.) The Action of The Ram.

Pushing westward - Northward - Southward; No beasts might stand before him.

2. The Second Part. vs. 5

(1.) "A He-Goat" vs. 5

Came from the west on the face of the whole earth. Touched not the ground. Had notable horn between his eyes.

(2.) The Action of the He-Goat vs 5-7

He came to the ram that had two horns Ran unto him in the fury of his power Smote the Ram --Broke his two horns No power in the Ram to stand before him Cast him down to the ground. Stamped upon him

(3.) The Development of the He-Goat vs.8-12

Waxed very great. When he was strong -the great horn was broken. For it came up four notable ones. Toward the four winds of heaven. Out of one of them came forth a little horn

Which waxed exceeding great. Toward the south -toward the east - and toward the pleasant land. It waxed great. even to the host of heaven and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground and stamped upon them. Magnified himself even to the prince of the host.

Daily sacrifice was taken away. The place of his sanctuary was cast down. An host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, it cast down the truth to the ground and it practiced, and prospered.

II. The Time of The Vision -vs. 13-14

1. The Length of Time

How long it should last. How long shall be the Vision concerning the daily sacrifice.

2. The Time of Cleansing - vs. 14

2,300 days; 6 years -3 months 18 days

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The cleansing of the sanctuary took place under Judas Maccabaeus, Dec. 25, B.C. 165. Going back from this point of time 2,300 days we have Aug. 1 B.C. 171. Up to this latter date the relations between Antiochus and the Jewish people had been peaceful; then began a series of aggressions, which ended only with his death.

III. The Vision Explained vs. 15-17

1. The Ram -vs. 20

- (1.) Signified Media and Persia
- (2.) "Two horns "
 - Are the two kings -Cyrus and Darius
 - Darius the Median -Chpt. 5:31
 - Cyrus the Perisian -Chpt. 6:28
- (3.) "Higher came up last"
 - Persia under Cyrus
- (4.) Lands Conquered
 - Westward -Babylon, Syria, Creece
 - Northward -Lydians, Armeniens, Seythians
 - Southward -Arabia, Ethiopia, Egypt

2. The He-Goat

- (1.) The King of Greece vs. 21.
- (2.) "The Great horn" "The first king" Alexander the Great.
- (3.) "Broken- when he was strong" vs. 8.
- (4.) "Four" horns came up: Alexander's four generals.
- (5.) The Kingdom divided: Syria - Egypt - Asia - Greece

3. The Little Horn -vs. 23

- (1.) "Out of one of them...a little horn" vs. 9; Antiochus Epiphanes
- (2.) He had been a prisoner at Rome
- (3.) He escaped -seized Egypt and invaded Persia and Armenia.
- (4.) Many Jews put to death because they would not eat swine flesh,10-12.
- (5.) Temple not burnt - but made it the temple of Jupiter Olympus. Set up his image in it.
- (6.) Cast the book of the Law on the ground. Stamped on it -and burnt it.
- (7.) Also signifies the Anti-Christ, vs. 23-25.

IV. The Vision's Effects.

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1. Caused fainting.

"And I Daniel fainted"

2. Caused Sickness.

"And was sick certain days"

3. Caused Astonishment.

"And I was astonished at the vision," "benumbed."

4. Caused Perplexity

"But none understood it"

Ch. 9 - Daniel and The Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:1-27

I. Daniel's Occupation.

1. He Studied.

Other duties -but his first concern, knowing the will of God.

2. What He Studied.

"Understood by books" vs. 2

Note: the plural aspect -"Books"

3. What He Learned In Study.

"The number of years" vs. 2"70" years.

"In the desolations of Jerusalem"

4. The Time of His Study. vs. 2.

In the first year of Darius, 539 B.C.

II. Daniel's Prayer

1. A Determined Prayer vs. 3

"To seek by prayer and supplications with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes"

2. A Humble Prayer vs. 4

"And made my confession" - "O Lord! the great and dreadful God"

3. A Believing Prayer.

"Keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments"

4.. A Repentant Prayer vs. 5-15.

"We have sinned"

5. A Restoring Prayer vs. 16.

"Let thine anger and fury be turned away"

"Cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary" vs. 17.

6. The Pleas In His Prayer.

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"O Lord Do It"

- (1.) "According to all thy Righteousness" vs. 16.
- (2.) "For the Lord's sake". vs. 17.
- (3.) "For thy great mercies" vs. 18.
- (4.) "For thy city and thy people" vs. 19.

III. The Answer To Daniel's Prayer.

1. The Time of the Answer.

- (1.) "While I was speaking in prayer." vs. 20: Isa. 65:24.
- (2.) "About the time of the evening oblation" vs. 21.

2. The Messenger of the Answer.

- (1.) "The man Gabriel" vs. 21.
- (2.) "The Messenger Angel" - Luke 1:19.

3. The Answer Itself.

- (1.) "Informed" vs. 22.
- (2.) "Skill and Understanding" vs. 22.
- (3.) "At the beginning of thy supplications" vs. 23.
"The commandment came forth" It has been signed.
"And I am come to shew thee" - "Understand and
consider the vision"

IV. The Message Contained In The Answer.

A. The Time Determined.

"Seventy Weeks" Weeks of years. $70 \times 7 = 490$ years.

1. The Beginning of the "Seventy Weeks" vs. 25 "From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem." B.C.445-434.

2. The End of the "Seventy Weeks" "Unto the Messiah the Prince" vs. 25. This is the Second Coming of Christ.

3. The Lord's First Coming. vs. 26 "After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, 62 weeks of years.

4. The City Taken vs. 26. 70 A.D. 7 weeks of years, 62 and 7 the total 69 years. One Week of Years left. We are in the Time of Grace.

5. The Tribulation. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week."

B. The People and The Land. vs. 24

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"Upon thy people and upon thy holy city."

The reasons for the Determination. vs. 24

- (1.) To finish the transgression.
- (2.) To make an end of sin.
- (3.) To make reconciliation for iniquity.
- (4.) To bring in everlasting righteousness.
- (5.) To seal up the vision and prophecy.
- (6.) To anoint the Most Holy.

Ch. 10a - Daniel's Vision of Christ and End-Time Events

Daniel 10:1-11

I. The Time of The Vision -

1. Third Year of Cyrus - vs. 4

"24th day of the 1st month"-vs. 1 "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia" Not over Persia, but Babylon which he had conquered. - Daniel probably now retired. 1:21

2. The Third Year of Building the Temple. Ezra 1:1-4; Chpt. 4:3-5

From the first year "All the days of Cyrus."

II. The Nature of The Vision -

1. It was true. vs. 1

"The thing was true"

2. It has as end-time fulfilment.

"The time appointed was long" Also vs. 14.

3. It was Understandable.

"He understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision."

III. The Reason For The Vision -

1. He prayed. The reason he prayed -Jews in trouble.

"In those days I Daniel was mourning" vs. 2.

2. He fasted. During the Passover week . vs.4.

"First month" Passover 14th day - "I ate no pleasant bread neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth"

3. He humbled himself. "Neither did I anoint myself at all"

"Till three whole weeks were fulfilled" vs. 3.

IV. The Place of The Vision

1. In Persia vs. 1 "Cyrus king of Persia." At least in his kingdom

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2. By A River

A vision by a river - "Got any river" - vs. 4 "By the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel." (Heb.) The Tigris River (Greek). "It is still called Hiddekel by a large portion of the people living near its banks."

V. The Content of The Vision -

1. It Was of Christ.

- (1.) His Clothing. "A certain man clothed in linen." (White)
- Uphaz." (2.) His Girdle. "Whose loins were girded with fine gold of
"The same apparently as Ophir."
- (3.) His Body. "His body also was like the beryl." It may be colorless -or aquamarine, bluish green, or yellow and brown.
- (4.) His Face. "His face as the appearance of - lightening." Like flashing bright light.
- 1:14. (5.) His Eyes. "His eyes as lamps of fire," John said -Rev.
"As flames of fire"
- (6.) His Arms and Feet. "His arms and His feet like in color to polished brass." Rev., "As if they burned in a furnace"
- (7.) His Voice. "The voice of His words like the voice of a multitude"

2. It Was of His People. vs. 14.

"Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."

VI. The Effect of The Vision -

1. On the Others.

- (1.) Saw (Not the Vision) Nothing. vs. 7.
"The men that were with me saw not the vision"

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(2.) Great Fear. vs. 7. "A great quaking fell upon them"
"Fear -Anxiety -Quaking -Trembling"

(3.) Ran and Hid. "So that they fled to hide themselves"

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2. On Daniel

7. (1.) He saw the vision. "I Daniel alone saw the vision " vs.

vs. 8. (2.) He became weak. "There remained no strength in me"

(3.) He became unworthy.

"For my comeliness was turned in me into corruption" vs. 8
'Comeliness' -beauty -excellency - glorious- glory -goodly -honour -
majesty. "Corruption" -to destroy. It was dung -as Paul said: Isaiah
said "Woe is me - For I have seen the King." In His Presence we see
ourselves as we are.

(4.) He Heard His Word -

"Yet heard I the voice of His Words." vs.9. Not just a sound.
"Shama" to hear intelligently with attention-obedience. Listen -
Perceive -Regard.

(5.) He Went To Sleep. vs.9.

"And when I heard the voice of His words, then was I in a deep sleep."

(6.) He Was Toward The Ground

"On my face, and my face toward the ground." We are too earth
minded.

VII. The Angel of The Vision.

1. Believed to be Gabriel.

No name mentioned Chpt. 9:21. Mentions Gabriel.

2. Touched Daniel.

vs. 10 " And, behold, an hand touched me"

3. Got Him on His Knees.

"Which set me upon my knees" It is easier to sleep them
pray. Look at the disciples. If the Church ever gets on its
feet -it will first get on its knees"

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4. He Encouraged Daniel. vs. 11.

- (1.) By Calling his name.
- (2.) By the Words he spoke.
- (3.) By the Effects of his words.
- (4.) By the Answer to his prayer. vs. 12

Ch. 10b - War in High Places

Dan. 10:12-21

There are two epochs in Hebrew history. When angels are specially prominent.

- 1. The time of the judges. Destitute of direct Revelation or prophetic guidance.*
- 2. The times of captivity. Under great stress and trial. The Angel speaks to Daniel - Words of encouragement. vs. 12. "Fear not Daniel" Perhaps the signs of terror were still manifested in Daniel, and the angel spoke encouragingly to him. vs. 19. "Peace be unto thee" "Be strong, yea, be strong" "When he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened."*

I. The Combatants -

A. The Opponents.

- 1. They are Spiritual.** vs. 13 "The Prince of the Kingdom of Persia." vs. 20.

"The Prince of Grecia" Psalms 2:2 "The Kings of the earth." There is a spiritual king behind the earthly. Eph. 6:12.

"For we wrestle (fight- struggle-battle) not against flesh and blood - (contending only with physical opponents) but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

2. They Are Numerous -

There are many ranks of evil which are leagued against us under the leadership of Satan. These evil spirits have a hierarchy of different orders and different ranks. "Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the darkness of this world, Spiritual wickedness."

3. They Are Deceiving -

Gen. 3:1 "The serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field." I Tim. 4:1 "now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." II Tim. 3:13 "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

B. The Proponents -

- 1. The Angels,** vs. 13

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"Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me." Gabriel.
Heb. 1:14. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation."

2. Gabriel- vs. 18

"Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me." Psa. 91:11; Heb. 13:5
"He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

II. The Length of The Battle -

vs. 13 "Withstood me one and twenty days."

1. From the Time Daniel started to pray. vs. 12

"From the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand"

2. For twenty one days "Withstood me" vs. 13

Remember the devil sends his workers to intercept the messenger of God, that is coming with the answer to your prayer. Keep praying -the answer is on the way - though it tarry wait for it.

III. The Cause of The Battle.

Hell wants to keep people in ignorance. Keep them bound -keep them in unbelief.

1. The Revelation of God's Secrets, vs. 14

"I am come to make thee understand."

2. The Revelation of the Future. vs. 14

"What shall befall thy people in the latter days."

3. The Revelation of Truth, vs. 21

"I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth." Jesus said Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The Adversary wants to keep us from the truth. Paul was given a thorn - because of abundance of revelation.

IV. The Consequence of the Battle.

1. Daniel was Victorious - He prayed through vs. 12 He received the answer.

2. The Angel was Victorious. Would he have gotten through if Daniel gave up?

3. The Enemy was Defeated, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

4. God's Kingdom Advanced. What if Daniel had failed?

Ch. 11 - Conflict of the Kings

Daniel 11:1-45

I. The Vision of the Kings in Conflict -

1. The time of the Vision - vs. 1

“In the first year of Darius the Mede”

2. The Meaning of the Vision -

The vision is divided into two parts.

(1.) Israel before Christ's First Advent.

Events prophesied of concerning the Grecian period up to Antiochus Epiphanies, his persecution of the Jews. Daniel 11:2-35.

(2.) Israel before Christ's Second Advent.

End-time events prophesied with the Anti-christ prominent. Daniel 11:36-12:3.

3. The main events of the Vision -

(1.) The four Kings of Persia - Daniel 11:2.

After Cyrus - Cambyses (Cyrus' son) - Smerdis - Darius Hystaspis - Xerxes - (Zurk-sez). The Greek name of Ahasuerus, husband of Esther. He ruled the Persian Empire from B.C. 486 - 465.

(2.) The Great King of Greece - vs. 3.

“A mighty King shall stand up.” Alexander the Great. His kingdom divided to his four generals, vs 4.

(3.) The King of Egypt - vs 5.

“The king of the south (Ptolemaic Kingdom) Perhaps Ptolemy Lagi was the king.

(4.) The King of Syria - vs 6.

“The King of the north.” Seleucid Kingdom. Seleucus was the king of Syria. There was conflict between the Kings, vs. 6 - 20.

(5.) Another King of Syria, vs. 21 - 22.

“A vile person.” Antiochus IV Epiphanies, ruled from 175 -163 B.C.

(6.) The King of the End Times - vs. 36.

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A wilful king - the Anti-christ - His reign. "Till the indignation be accomplished:" The tribulation - The Judgment of God. Isa. 26:20 -21.

(7.) The king will be part Jew - And Part Assyrian.
"God of his fathers" vs 3 "Elohiym" & "Assyrian...beaten down." Isa. 30:31.

II. The Anti-Christ Described -

1. His Character - vs. 21 -39.

(1.) A Man of Peace - vs. 21.
"He shall come in peaceably"

(2.) A Man of Oratorical Power - vs. 21.
"He shall...obtain the Kingdom by flatteries."

(3.) A Man of Great Deception - vs. 23.
"He shall work deceitfully:"

(4.) A Man of Self-Will - vs. 36.
"The king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god,"

(5.) A Man of Blasphemy - vs. 36.
"He...shall speak marvellous against the God of gods." Rev. 13:6.

(6.) A Homosexual - vs. 37.
"Neither shall he regard the...desire of women."

(7.) A Worshiper of Demons - vs. 38.
"In his estate shall he honor the god of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not."

(8.) An Idolater - vs. 38.
"A god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pleasant things."

2. His Actions - vs. 40 - 45.

(1.) Conflict with Egypt - vs 40.
"The King of the south push at him."

(2.) Conflict with Syria - vs. 40.
"The King of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind."

(3.) Conflict with Palestine - vs. 41.

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“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown.”

(4.) Conflict with China - vs. 44.

“Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:”

(5.) Conflict with Christ - vs. 45.

“He shall come to his end and none shall help him.” Rev. 19:19 -
20.

Ch. 12 - The Revealing of Mysteries

Dan. 12:1-13

I. The Tribulation -vs. 1

1. The Nature of it -vs. 1.
"A time of trouble" - "Such as never was"
2. The Time of it -
A time of Deliverance - "At that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book."

II. The Resurrection -vs. 2

- 1. A time of Judgment.**
 - (1.) To Reveal Facts.
 - (2.) To Meter Justice.
- 2. A time of 'Division of Destines.**
 - (1.) Eternal Life
 - (2.) Eternal Shame

III. The Stars of Righteousness -vs. 3.

1. This Wisdom is in "Turning many to Righteousness"
 - (1.) It takes wisdom to make the choice.
 - (2.) It takes wisdom to do the work.
2. This Wisdom will be Rewarded.
 - (1.) Our position in heaven is determined by merit.
Matt.5:19; I Cor. 3:14,15.
 - (2.) This Honor consists in shining brightness.

IV. The Sealed Book -vs. 4.

1. The Book not hid but sealed. Isa. 29:11-12.

2. The Book is now being Revealed.

Has been hid -sealed up - "To the time of the end."
This is the end time.

3. The Effects of it being Revealed.

"Many shall run to and fro"

- (1.) Because of Perverted Translations.
- (2.) Because of False Doctrine.
- (3.) Because of Unbelief
- (4.) Because of Wickedness.

4. The Manner in Which Truth is Revealed.

- (1.) In the spirit. I Cor. 2:14
- (2.) In studying the Scripture. "Search the Scriptures"
- (3.) Progressive - "Knowledge shall be increased"
"Enlarge " "Grow" "Multiply " In the World -In the Church
- (4.) In Obedience to the Truth. John 7:17.

V. The End -vs. 8-9

1. The End of All Earthly Things.

- Pleasure
- Sorrow
- Temptation
- Labor
- This Life

VI. Living With The End in View -vs. 10

1. Live our life now in the light of eternity.

"Wise shall understand"

2. Trials have an ill effect on the Wicked.

"The wicked shall do wickedly" - "None of the wicked shall understand"

VII. The Time of The End - vs. 11-13.

1. At the End of three and a half years. vs. 11.

Starting from the taking away of the daily sacrifice.
1,290 days 17 days before the middle of the tribulation.

2. Probably The Setting Up of His Earthly Kingdom vs. 12.

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1,335 days

Final Exam

1. How much of the Bible is prophetic?
2. What is prophecy?
3. Give scripture to prove that scripture did not come by the will of men.
4. What is the proof of prophecy?
5. Name the different ages.
6. Through whom does the Jewish nation descend in relationship to Noah's sons?
7. Give a word that describes how revelation comes.
8. Explain how Jonah was a type of Israel.
9. Explain how the burning bush was a type of Israel.
10. Why will God allow the Great Tribulation?

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11. Explain what Zionism is.
12. What does the valley of dry bones speak of?
13. What is the natural desire in the hearts of men?
14. Contrast astrology and astronomy.
15. Can man know the future? (Explain your answer.)
16. What is the first recorded prophecy in the Bible?
17. Tell what you know about the truth of the book of Daniel.
18. Who was a contemporary of Daniel?
19. What is the book likened to?
20. Why is the book of Daniel different from the other prophetic books?
21. What were the two languages used in Daniel and why are two languages used?
22. What was the first dream Nebuchadnezzar had, in detail?

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23. Tell a little about the second dream that Nebuchadnezzar had?

24. For how long was the judgment to last? _

25. Describe what happened to Nebuchadnezzar's heart and the condition of his body?

BONUS: What two things brought about the king's restoration?